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November 23, 2004

Kathleen G. Hatton, Attorney
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Dear Ms. Hatton,

Enclosed is correspondence from a constituent of mine. I wanted to be certain you had the opportunity to see it.

I am confident Mr. Wilson's request will receive fair and proper consideration from your office.

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith
Member of Congress

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JOHN DAVID WILSON

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November 3, 2004

Representative Lamar Smith
21st District
Room 2231, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Presidential Pardon
John David Wilson
Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Dear Representative Smith:

My name is John David Wilson. I am age [REDACTED] I am writing this letter in hopes your office can assist me in obtaining a Presidential Pardon.

At age 27, I was convicted of a marijuana charge. It was a felony. This was in Laredo, Texas. I was in jail 5 days. I, then, plead guilty for 5 years probation and paid a \$2,000 fine.

Since then, I have mainly worked as a union ironworker. Mostly, my work was in the Bay area of California, and in the western United States. This year, 2004, my wife and I have moved to Kerrville, Texas. That's where my parents live - they have lived there for about 27 years. My wife [REDACTED] and I have been married for 14 years. We have no children. Right now, I am hoping to make a living in the home repair business. I have also put my name up with the local ironworkers union in San Antonio.

I originally applied for a pardon in 1982. So, this process has been going on over 20 years. I had my interview with the FBI this past March of 2004. Both agents suggested it would be very helpful if someone of high authority would right a letter to the Pardon's Board in my support. That's why I am sending this letter. The address is:

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With regard to my conviction, I plead guilty and I was guilty. Beyond doubt, this was the stupidest thing I have ever done in my lifetime. It has haunted me every day of my life since. I know lots of people out there say "We're too soft on criminals." But, think of this:

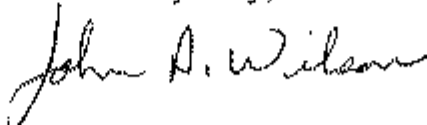
1. I can't vote.
2. I can't possess a firearm, which means I can't go hunting with my father.
3. Anytime I apply for a job, I have to write down that I was convicted of a felony. Needless to say, the employer never calls back.

For the last 29 years, I have worked hard and steadily. I expect that at age 65, I will have a pretty good retirement from the Ironworkers Union retirement plan - probably about \$3,000 per month. I will also obtain the maximum social security.

I am a regular Habitat for Humanity volunteer. I worked on three houses in Pittsburg, California, and two houses in Richmond, California.

Please help me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Wilson".

John David Wilson



U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

This responds to your letter of November 23, 2004, enclosing a copy of a letter dated November 3, 2004 from your constituent, John David Wilson, concerning his application for presidential pardon.

In Mr. Wilson's letter, he mentions that he originally applied for a pardon in 1982, but we do not have any record of this application. He also checked the "no" box in response to a question on the pardon application that asked if he had ever applied for a pardon previously. In any event, his current pardon application was filed on August 4, 2003, and it is under review. We will make your letter and Mr. Wilson's letter a part of his clemency file. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney